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The White House announced today that United States Naval vessels have verified that Soviet vessels departing Cuba are carrying missiles. This verification was carried out at sea in accordance with arrangements made between the Soviet and United States Governments.

The President has expressed his satisfaction that the first steps in carrying out the undertakings between himself and Chairman Khrushchey are thus expeditiously being carried out.

Negotiations are continuing for
~~The President has expressed to Chairman Khrushchey his hope that~~
with respect to
 the other aspects of the undertaking on the removal of remaining offensive weapons such as jet bombers and the establishment of arrangements for United Nations verification on the ground in Cuba, including suitable safeguards for the future, ~~will similarly be carried out.~~

Upon the carrying out of these undertakings the United States will, as stated in the President's letter of October 27 to Chairman Khrushchey, promptly remove the quarantine measures now in effect and give assurances against an invasion of Cuba.

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